

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has imposed an election requirement contending that the application contains claims directed to the "patentably distinct species of Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3". The Examiner has required that a single disclosed species be elected for prosecution on the merits and that applicants list all claims readable thereon.

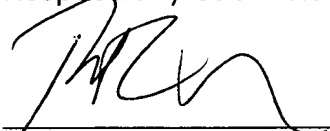
Applicants note that the species of Figures 1 and 2 are actually schematic representations of prior art structures. Figure 1 is labeled "Conventional Product Construction" and Figure 2 is labeled "Conventional Breathable Product Construction". Accordingly, Figures 1 and 2 do not reflect species of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the species of Figure 3, identified as "Unitary Absorbent Core with Integral Moisture Barrier" for further prosecution on the merits.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-50 are readable on the elected species. Accordingly, prosecution of these claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

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